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HAMILTON DEFEATS UNION

The first match of Hamilton's last Intercollegiate Tennis season resulted in a victory over Union by a score of 4-2. Owing to lack of practice, first-class playing was impossible, but great promise for the season was shown.

In the singles, Capt. Conklin was defeated by A. C. Potter, who was easily Union's best man. His form, especially in his fierce drives, showed improvement over last year, when he and Conklin split even, each winninfi a match. He won in straight sets, 6-2, 6-0.

Day, '11, gave R. S. Potter, who was impeded by an injured ankle, a hard fight, but was unsteady, and lost 6-3, 6-8, 6-4. In the second set he made a game stern-chase after the score was 0-3, finally winning. Getman displayed remarkably good form for this stage of the season. He completely outclassed Streibert, whom he defeated in two love sets, 6-0, 6-0. A. F. Osborn, the only new member of the team, had little difficulty in taking two sets from Coykendall, 6-3, 6-3. Osborn excelled in the back-court game, which he employed largely.

Both matches in doubles came to Hamilton by straight sets. Getman and Day won from A. C. Potter and Streibert, 6-3, 6-4, by excellent network. Capt. Conklin and Osborn were the superiors of R. S. Potter and Coykendall at every point, winning 6-2, 6-1.

The first match was, on the whole, very encouraging. Naturally the work was erratic, but practice will overcome this fault. The prospects for more victories are more than promising.

INTERSCHOLASTIC

The program for Interscholastic Week, May 13-15, will be as follows:

THURSDAY—2 p. m., Interclass Meet.

FRIDAY—Hobart Baseball Game.

Evening—Y. M. C. A. Reception; distribution of interclass prizes.

SATURDAY—12, noon, Interacademic Speaking. 2 p. m., Interscholastic Meet.

Evening — Smoker in Commons; distribution of prizes.

The Track Department will issue a complete program for the week. This program will be presented to every sub-Freshman who takes part in the athletic or prize speaking contests, and will contain:— Officials, entries and handicaps for the Spring Games, score card for the Hobart-Hamilton Baseball Game, officials and entries for the Interscholastic Meet, list of speakers at the Y. M. C. A. Reception and the College Smoker, Academic prize speakers, and several cuts of the Campus and College buildings. Undergraduates may obtain copies Thursday morning from Butler, '09, or Renwick, '10. Price 25c.

HOBART GAME

Next Friday the Varsity will meet the Hobart team on the Campus. Though statistics for the last three years are in our favor, the College, to a man, must be with the team, in order to make victory a certainty. The following scores of games played with Hobart for the past three years are propitious:

1906—Hamilton 3, Hobart 0; Hamilton 8, Hobart 4.

1907—Hamilton 13, Hobart 5; Hamilton 11, Hobart 2.

1908—Hamilton 9, Hobart 8, Hamilton 1, Hobart 8.

There is but a single defeat out of six games played.

The line-up for Hamilton will no doubt be substantially as follows: ss., Capt. Judson; 2nd, Hallock; cf., Sarles; 1st, Allen; lf., Root; rf., Doherty; 3rd, Getman; c., Manion; p., Drummond, Donaldson.

INTERCLASS GAMES

On Thursday afternoon, May 13th, the Annual Spring Handicap Games will be held on Steuben Field, the first event called at 2 p. m. Though the entries do not close until Monday, May 10th, at noon, one hundred and twenty-five entries have been received to date. The management is confident that the 1909 games will be the largest and best-contested college track meet ever held on the Hamilton Campus.

The Track Meet will be run off according to intercollegiate order, and the intercollegiate method of scoring—four places counting—will be used.

The prizes will be silver and bronze medals of special design—made up in the form of watch-fobs. A set of medals will be placed in the trophy room case Monday afternoon.

The future success of the Track season is largely dependent on the interclass games. The department needs the entry of every man in College to test the skill, speed and endurance of the Varsity men. The handicap system makes the chances of the scratch man and the novice equal. *Enter today.*

LIT ELECTIONS

On Thursday afternoon the LIT Board announced the following elections on the basis of work done:

In 1910—Edmund Patten Glover, John Murray Hastings, Sydney Allen Sherwin, Jr.

In 1912—James Stuart Plant.

Assistant Manager—Hurlbut Gerald Gaige, '11.

Of the retiring board, H. E. Dounce, '10, and L. E. Leavenworth, '10 Manager, remain, and with the newly-elected members will comprise the LIT Board for the coming year.

At a meeting of the new board held on Friday, Dounce, '10, was elected Editor-in-Chief.

LIT. CRITIQUE

The April "Lit" is a pleasing number. It has much of the freshness and frolic, and a little of the unfulfilled promise of this month of caprice. "Travels With a Donkey," with its vivid pictures, dashes of local color, and enlivening personal touches, is a veritable Elmensdorf travelogue. The interest "Dein Sohn" has aroused is rapidly passing into keen anticipation.

In the "Letters of Alicia," we have a delightful play of fancy. There is a fine blending of the serious and the superficial, and a delicately humorous mingling of the interests Alicia thinks she longs for with those dear to her heart. She is very interesting when she dilates with so much fervor and so much uncertainty on the problems of the day, and she is very winsome when she lapses from these high flights and glows over things eternally feminine. The reader's illusion is complete, despite the second signature which reveals a man's hand.

We are inclined to think that "Samanthy" and her docile spouse got more out of their visit to Washington and Mt. Vernon than did the reader, who, in company with the humorist, dogged the steps of the "Tourists in Washington" in search of amusement.

It is a worthy ideal that the "Spectral Spectator" conceives in his "Spirit of Loyalty." We believe it is the Hamilton spirit. What a striking coincidence that this spirit is found incarnate in Dr. Squires, whose resolution to remain at Hamilton fills all her sons with gladness. And there is yet another example of this spirit—the devotion of Senator Elihu Root is bearing golden fruit for dear old Hamilton.

The author of "Thou Alone" gives expression to a lofty conception in lines of unusual grace and dignity. The poem stirs the heart.

—C. J. Geer, '90.

NEW FOOTBALL RULES

Some of the most important changes in the Football rules for the coming season, as passed by the Football Rules Committee at a meeting held in New York last Saturday, are printed below. The most important of these is the first one, which changes the count of a field-goal from four to three points. This will lessen the ability of a team with a single exceptionally strong kicker to win from a team which, as a whole, may be stronger than its opponents. With the exception of the change in the rule regarding a touch-back, no other important change was made. Some points were made clear which have been rather ambiguous. The amendments follow:

1. A field-goal shall count three points.

2. A team making a touch-back may either rush or kick the ball from the twenty-five yard line.

3. On a forward pass play, as well as on all others, the ends must be more than one yard behind the line of scrimmage to be eligible to handle the ball.

4. No penalty may be imposed for carrying the ball over the line, either for a touchdown or for a safety.

5. The penalty for a feint on the part of the centre before passing the ball shall be five yards.

6. When two penalties have been incurred by one team on a single play, the offended team may choose which of the two may be imposed.

7. The ball is dead when the referee blows his whistle, and all play must stop; however, the referee must not blow his whistle on seeing a foul, but must notify the umpire, and the latter will blow his horn.

A new sub-committee for the interpretation of the rules in case of dispute is composed of Walter Camp, of Yale, (chairman); Dashiel, of Annapolis, Hall, of Dartmouth, and Langford, of Trinity.

WHAT 1909 WILL DO

The last term of the year is fast passing, and the Seniors are beginning to realize that it is but a short time before they will be thrust into the "cold world." Naturally, the problem faces them of what they are going to do. 1909 is, of course, a particular instance of this generality. It may be of interest to the College to know the plans of the present Senior Class.

Conklin, Birmingham, Leavenworth, Lewis, Mangus, Quinn, Sabine and Thomas will teach. Most of these men have already secured positions. There is always a large number of every class who go into business of one form or another. 1909 is no exception to the rule. Doherty, Butler, in New York; Kazenstein, Love, with the Houghton Mifflin Co., New York; McGarry, Mariott, in Philadelphia; H. P. Osborn, in San Diego, Cal.; Morgan, Roenke, in Geneva; Willoughby, in Utica, and Wallace, in Herkimer, are its representatives.

The universities claim an unusually large number from the Senior Class. Day will study medicine, and Appleton dentistry, at the University of Pennsylvania. Kneeland intends to pursue a course in forestry at Harvard. Blodgett studies medicine at Syracuse. H. C. Evans and Spencer will enter the Auburn Theological Seminary; Rifenbark, General Seminary in New York; Krumbholz, in Philadelphia, to prepare themselves for the ministry. Rudd will go to Oxford University. Smyth and Truax intend to take graduate work at the University of Berlin. A. S. Evans is, to date, the only embryonic lawyer. He will be at the Albany Law School. 1909 has two journalists, A. F. Osborn, who will be in Buffalo, and Welch, in New York. Figgles will take up electrical engineering.

These are undoubtedly the thresholds of many, if not all brilliant, at least serviceable careers. Life, for the College, wishes every man of 1909 the best success.

PRIZE "STAB" APPOINTEES

Juniors, Wednesday, May. 12—Barber, Coupe, Cross, Evans, Knox, McNair, Renwick, Sarles, Stube, Titus.

Sophomores, Saturday, May 22—Anibal, Burdick, Casey, Day, Getman, E. H. Jones, Martin, Peters, Robinson, Willard.

Freshmen, Wednesday, May 19—Allen, Alvord, Bates, Bedenkapp, DuBois, Erskine, Heidenreich, Hull, Marsh, Peters, H. W. Thompson.

—This afternoon there is to be a a competition meet between two sections of the Track Squad. Captain Spencer and McLean, '09, will be captains of the two teams.

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DURING THE PAST WEEK the men who are to make up the LIT Board for the coming year were chosen. This closes the regime of Woollcott, '09, and a board composed principally of members of the Senior Class. LIFE has nothing but praise for the retiring board. Never has the LIT been quite so entertaining—at least in the memory of the present college generation. Much of the praise for this success is due the retiring Editor-in-Chief. He has brought about what might almost be called a renaissance in the history of Hamilton journalism, and in so doing has accomplished much for the College. In the new Editor, the LIT has a man who is eminently fitted for the position, and under his direction it should even improve over this year's successful issue. LIFE wishes the new board of her sister publication the best of success.

THE RECENT FORMATION of an Interfraternity Baseball League is assuredly a step in the right direction. For a long time past, one of the faults of Hamilton athletics has been too little development of athletics within the College itself. For this reason, only the men who were out for positions on the several teams obtained the benefit of systematic exercise, which the various games afford. Now, this fault should be remedied. Baseball is a game that lends itself to interclass athletics. There is no reason whatever why the Interfraternity League should not be a succes. There is, however, one problem which arises—and that is the traditional failure of intermural athletics in Hamilton. Now, this should not be true. Just as much interest should be taken in intermural athletics as in the intercollegiate games. It simply rests with the College. LIFE hopes—even trusts—that every man will do his share toward keeping things moving. If this is done, not only will the new league be a great success, but a means of good exercise and wholesome pleasure will be furnished to almost the whole College.

NEXT SATURDAY is Interscholastic Day. The committee in charge have been working hard for some time past in order to make everything complete for the entertainment of potential Freshmen. That the intended result of this day means much to the College—namely, of bringing a larger number of men to Hamilton next year—goes without saying. But only a few days remain in which we can extend invitations for this occasion. The more visitors we have, the more of a success the day will be. Everyone should make an effort to bring one man, at least, to the College. Only by a united effort can this day bring the results for which it is planned. Let every man do his best to entertain the visitors and show the College to its best advantage. Anything the student body can do, should be—and probably is—willingly offered. But we are all careless and forgetful, so LIFE offers this simple reminder, that the success of the 1909 Interscholastic Day rests with the College. The committee has done its share. You should have done yours. If you have not, there is yet time. To-day will be well spent, if by its passing, one more potential son is gained for Hamilton.

MOTE AND BEAM, VII.

Postscripts on the plotting of the 1904 Tennis courts will be in order until the new courts are properly readjusted. Anyone who will stand facing the sun before 11 a. m. or after 3 p. m. on a bright day, and will then attempt to regard an object held a foot before him and a foot or two above his head, must understand just why overhead play is impossible in one end or the other of these courts in the desirable Tennis-hours of such a day. Moreover, the outside doubles-line of the Northward court marks the very brink of the raised play-bed—another reason, if another were necessary, why the courts should be replotted. The pine for which the usefulness of the new courts was sacrificed is a most mediocre little pine in a singularly unessential location, and has been trimmed up until it resembles less a pine-tree than a scalp-lock. The new courts are excellently drained, and have been properly surfaced; but seemingly they must lie almost unusable. Spotlight hopes that someone will look into the matter and then act.

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Some weeks ago Spotlight offered encomiums upon a chapel-essay read by Wisehart, '11. Perhaps it is for this reason that no one has cared to emulate Mr. Wisehart's manner of presentation; at all events, the current of banal productions, read against time, thru the nose, with the lips three inches from the paper, flows on as before in unconcerned placidity. Last week Mr. Wisehart repeated his performance,

with even greater success, and Spotlight fell to wishing that, since we must have Chapel essays, they might at least be made endurable by intelligent choice of subject and an intelligent delivery. In his Chapel appearances, Mr. Wisehart's tendency toward drastic innovation has often outstripped his critical judgment, and for this reason we are inclined to laughter when he does anything out of the commonplace; but last Saturday noon, before he had finished picturing the gentle tranquillity of a Quaker meeting, our sophisticated Chapel-audience was quiet and attentive, and ready to approve of anything Mr. Wisehart might do.

Spotlight mentions this one instance as a test, in pleading for a galvanization of the Chapel-essay program. He must be a sorry College Sophomore who has not some serious hobby upon which he can write a live paper worth *reading*—not intoning or mumbling—to the Chapel.

If the men do not know how to read, or lack initiative, Spotlight suggests to the Department of Oratory that a few drills in this line would accomplish far more than a general appeal to "make these Chapels things of delight." At present they are anything else.

Personally, Spotlight believes that the Chapel-essay is a useless survival of the benighted "rhetoricals" program still extant in small high schools and seminaries—that the composition work involved could be better secured in other ways—that the logical substitute for the Chapel-essay is an extempore talk on some phase of a general subject previously assigned for research—that this substitute would teach men to face an audience without committed preparation—which is the one sort of oratorical ability called for in the average man's career—etc., etc.

But that's another story.

—*Spotlight.*

—On account of the inclemency of the weather yesterday, the Union game could not be played. Manager Wheeler is endeavoring to arrange with the Union management to play off the game at some later date.

SENIOR CLASS MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Senior Class, the "Square" was awarded to H. P. Osborn. Willoughby, '09, was elected permanent Class Secretary. It was also decided to engage Garland's Band, of Albany, for Senior Week, and a per capita tax of $3.00 was levied to cover expenses. The class took it upon themselves to make up the deficit incurred by Union Debate.

—In the May issue of the American Magazine is an article on "The Irridescent Stage," by S. H. Adams, '94.

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NOTES

—Prof. Davenport is now meeting his classes at the regular hours.

—Soper, '04, was on the Hill this week.

—The Sophomore Baseball Team will play Mohawk, May 29th.

—All entries for the Interclass Meet must be in by Monday night at six o'clock.

—The Beta of the Sigma Phi will hold an informal on Thursday, May 13th.

—Prof. Ebeling will entertain the Senior Class in Greek at his home this evening.

—Hemenway, '07, now holds a position with the E. P. Moriarty & Co. Automobile Agency in Kansas City, Mo.

—Soper, '12, Manager of the Freshman Baseball Team, is endeavoring to arange a game with the Colgate Freshmen.

—On last Wednesday afternoon occurred the marriage of Miss Laura Day, of Utica, and Fred H. Cookingham, '01, at Grace Church in that city.

—A meeting of Phi Beta Kappa was held at the home of Prof. Ibbotson, Friday evening. Prof. S. J. Saunders read a paper on "The Advancement of Science."

—The Freshman Frolic will be held in Utica, May 27th. The committee follows: Mangan, Chairman; Allen, Alheim, Baird, Bates, Eells, Patteson, H. W. Thompson.

LECTURE ON FORESTRY

On Friday evening, April 30th, Mr. Wesley Bradfield, of the National Forest Service Department, exhibited in the Physics room a number of lantern-slides illustrative of Forestry problems. Mr. Bradfield has in charge the extensive reforestation now in progress on Senator Root's property; he is one of the government's experts in his line, and his slides and explanations richly rewarded the roomful of students present. The majority of Mr. Bradfield's slides depicted the natural forests of the West and South, showing lumbering methods, the waste of wood in wanton lumbering, and forest fire problems. There were also slides showing the erosion effects of forest-denudation in China — an impressive object-lesson in the conservation of natural resources—and a few illustrating reforestation as practiced by the National Government. At the close of his exhibition, Mr. Bradfield discussed forestry problems with those who had questions to ask.

The plantation of the Root farm is the most extensive work of the kind thus far undertaken within New York State, and affords an unparalleled opportunity for instructive observation to everyone interested in this most vital of natural problems.

THE HAMILTONIAN

The 1910 *Hamiltonian* Board is making every effort to publish its Book on June 1st; if all goes well, this intention will be carried out.

As to the book itself, the editors promise many innovations in form and make-up—changes which they believe the College will vote improvements. If every man who likes the looks of the new *Hamiltonian* will buy at least one copy to read or send away—not depending upon the good-nature of his room-mate for a chance to read the book—the Board's financial problem will be solved without a serious deficit. How to produce a pleasing and representative Year-Book at a moderate price is indeed a problem—and of late years the answer, as class after class writhed under big assessments, has seemed to be the abolition of the book. The 1910 Board attempts to prove the contrary, believing that a Year-Book is a benefit to the College, and can be produced without the conventional draining of pocketbooks.

This does not mean that the Board solicits charitable purchases; it has tried to give full value in its *Hamiltonian,* and if the men of the various classes do their part by supporting the venture, the perpetuity of the Hamilton Year-Book will be assured.

Y. M. C. A. CALENDAR.

Sunday—12:00, Dr. Wood's seminar on "Problems of American Cities"; 3:00, Cabinet Meeting; 5:00, Mr. Jordan, General Secretary of the Utica Y. M. C. A., will speak. The subject will be, "The Work of the Y. M. C. A., and How the College Association Can Help."

Monday—Italian Club in Elementary Civics.

Wednesday—7:15 p.m., Sophomore prayer meeting.

Thursday—Italian Club for small boys; 7:15, Freshman prayer meeting.

Friday—8:00, Reception for the sub-Freshmen and the College. The medal for interclass games will be awarded at this time.

NOTES

—The Y. M. C. A. is collecting magazines to send to Faxton Hospital, and will be only too glad for any contributions. Here is a way in which every man, by a little thought, can do a lot of good. Contributions may be given to Glover, '10.

—The Association is also collecting old clothes to be used for charitable distribution in Utica. The assistance of the College is sought. Baldwin, '10, has charge of the work.

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